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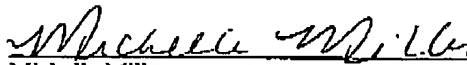
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO**  
**NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 13, 2005. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.